



Calendar of Events

May – December 2007

Events will be added, some may be cancelled and details may change.

Please call the monument at (563) 873-3491 or check our website (www.nps.gov/efmo) for more details closer to the event date or to volunteer to assist with programs.

May - September

Guided Bird Walks

Departing from the visitor center, one guided bird walk will be held each month at 8:00 AM. Walk wetland and upland forest trails overlooking the heart of the Upper Mississippi Wildlife & Fish Refuge. Other walks are scheduled to leave at 8:00 AM on May 12th - **International Migratory Bird Day**, June 9th, July 14th, August 18th, September 29th and Oct 6th.

June 16 to Sept. 3

Ranger Programs

Hikes, Walks and Talks that discuss the history of the mounds and natural environment.

> *Fire Point Hike*

Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Fire Point Hike – or - “Three Mound” Talk

Fire Point Hike is a 2 mile guided hike up moderately strenuous trails to Fire Point passing by 25 American Indian mounds. This program is not ADA accessible.

Three Mounds Talks, located just outside the visitor center, are completely ADA accessible.

(Hike vs. talk is dependent on available staffing)

> *Junior Ranger Saturdays*

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. > A special Junior Ranger hike or activity will be held which can then be followed by a Junior Ranger activity guidebook, signing out a Discovery Pack, or attending one of the other park programs.

> *Ranger Choice Programs*

Impromptu programs when staffing allows-
(Sometimes available upon request)

Ancient Indian Tools

Learn about various tools and implements used by ancient American Indians. Hands on activities will include objects such as stone points, spear launchers (atlatl) and fire starters.

Indian Village / Boardwalk Trail

Tour our reconstructed Indian village and garden area; enjoy a one mile round trip walk into the wetlands below the visitor center.

June 16 to Sept. 3

**Ranger Programs
(Continued)**

**> Ranger Choice
Programs**

***Impromptu programs when staffing allows-
(Sometimes available upon request)***

Prairie Walks. Visit the restored tall grass prairie along the Fire Point Trail. This two mile round trip hike will take approximately 2 hours.

Atlatl Demonstrations

Learn how this ancient spear launcher was utilized by American Indians to hunt wild game.

3-Mound Talk

A condensed version of the Fire Point Hike for those not able to join the full tour.

June 23

Cultural Talk

7:00 p.m. > Duke Addicks – “Stories of the Past”
Duke Addicks, of the Cherokee Nation, does a powerful presentation which has fascinated hundreds of audiences of adults and older children. His presentation teaches using stories about the American Indians from this area, both in historic and prehistoric times,

June 30 &
September 22

Moonlight Hikes

Presented annually, these popular activities can include walks along the Yellow River Bridge Boardwalk Trail and hikes along the Fire Point Trail to the top of the bluff. Effigy mound building culture, the impact of the historic settlement period and moonlit views of the Mississippi Yellow River Valleys are featured.

***Moonlight Hike reservations are required and will be taken beginning on the preceding Monday (June 25 & Sept 17).
Call the Visitor Center for reservations at 563- 873-3491.***

July 21

**American Indian Cultural
Demonstration Programs**

Special cultural demonstration programs featuring dance and music performances will be scheduled during the day. Programs will be presented at the Visitor Center.
Check for featured performers after April 1, 2007.

August 11

Cultural Talk

7:00 p.m. > Chloris Lowe - Lowe is a member of the Sky Clan of the sovereign Ho-Chunk Nation. He will speak about the Gottschall Rockshelter, the most significant Native American cultural find in the Midwest.

August 25

**National Park Service
Founders Day**

Fee Free Day! To celebrate the 91st anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, August 25, 1916. ***No entrance fees will be charged.***

Archeology for Kids

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. > Founders Day programs will feature Family / Jr. Ranger oriented learn through doing activities about American Indian pottery, tools, and weapons; participate in a demonstration and an archeological field excavation. Meet at the visitor center.

September 22:	Archeology Day at Effigy Mounds	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. > Archeology hikes, talks, demonstrations and Indian cultural demonstrations including flint knapping and atlatl (spear) throwing. Call after August 1 st for details.
September 22	Moonlight Hike	This popular activity can include walks along the Yellow River Bridge Boardwalk Trail and hikes the along the Fire Point Trail. With good weather, moonlit views of the Mississippi & Yellow River Valleys are featured. <i><u>Moonlight Hike reservations are required and will be taken beginning on the preceding Monday (Sept 18).</u> Call the visitor center for reservations at 563- 873-3491.</i>
September 29	National Public Lands Day	<u>Fee Free Day</u> The National Park Service will join other agencies for a Fee free day in celebration of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers across the country celebrate National Public Lands Day by assisting with conservation projects on their favorite public lands. Project: Collecting and distributing prairie seed. Call after September 4 th for details. <i>No entrance fees will be charged.</i>
October 1 - 31	Iowa Archaeology Month	Special programs are scheduled during the annual recognition of Iowa's archaeological past. <i>Please call the visitor center at 563- 873-3491 after August 1st for specific dates and events.</i>
October 6 & 7	Annual HawkWatch Weekend	Celebrate the annual fall migration! Enjoy the fall migration in the heart of the Mississippi Flyway! Highlights of this premier Midwest birding event include live raptor demonstrations, adult educational programs, lots of children's activities, and hawk banding (catch and release). Programs and activities from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. > Also hike park trails through fall foliage – sunrise to sunset! <i>Please call after September 4th, 2007 for specific events.</i>
November	Native American History Month	Every month is Native American History Month at Effigy Mounds National Monument! Visit the park to learn about ancient American Indians and their legacy.
December 1	Holiday Open House	Visitor Center: A Holiday Open House in Iowa's first National Park Unit, Effigy Mounds National Monument, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Shop our diverse and specialized cultural and natural history based educational bookstore for gift items marked 10% off. Holiday theme movies shown in the auditorium, ornament making craft demonstrations and refreshments.

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